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Soviet threat Author urges antidote to expansion

The United States must help struggling countries establish democratic governments as the only effective answer to worldwide Soviet expansionism, a Russian author said Friday.

Lev Navrozov, a Russian scholar and lecturer now living in New York City, told a group of about 80 persons at Portland State University that the task is difficult but the problems are surmountable.

"It's necessary to stop Soviet expansion," Navrozov said. "If it is stopped, inside reforms are possible." However, as long as the Soviet Union succeeds with its maneuverings in the international arena, its spirit of nationalism and the opportunities enjoyed by its high-ranking citizens will overshadow

any Soviet desire to make internal changes, he said.

"Some people in Russia rejoiced at the invasion of Czechoslovakia because they could say, 'This is the spread of our empire,'" Navrozov said.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, which he often has criticized, was largely responsible for the United States' disastrous failure in the Vietnam War, Navrozov said, because the CIA knew nothing about the country and the extent of the Soviet presence there.

"The war started because (the Soviet Union) knew the CIA was incompetent in Vietnam," he declared. "Their reports were laughable."

The result, he said, was like sending

two equally strong boxers into a ring, but with one wearing a blindfold.

Those who doubt that the Soviets are committed to worldwide expansion don't know that from childhood it is an idea ever-present in that society, Navrozov said.

"We know the Soviet regime is after the world with our mothers' milk," he said. "The answer seems obvious. It's part of our upbringing."

Navrozov opposes the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty because he believes that Soviet arms buildups are not verifiable by the United States. He is trying to organize a national newspaper to present those views more widely, he said.